



Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group: 2872

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME AND
AMENDMENT "D"**

APPLICANT: Finzel et al ✓
SERIAL NO.: 09/101,846 ✓
DATE FILED: July 17, 1998 ✓
INVENTION: "CABLE JOINT FOR OPTICAL FIBRES
WITH SPLICING CASSETTES AND
OVERLENGTH LOOPS"

GROUP ART UNIT: 2872
EXAMINER: J. Henry

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R:

Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents for a one-month extension of time for responding to the **FINAL REJECTION** dated January 4, 2001 and are enclosing a check for the \$110.00 government fee so that the period of response is extended from April 4, 2001 to May 4, 2001.

In response to the **Final Rejection** dated January 4, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 43 to read as follows:

--43. (Amended) Optical-fibre transmission system according to claim 73, wherein a bore in the sealing head is adapted in each case to the diameter of the pipe of the optical-fibre cable and in that a peripheral stop for the pipe of the corresponding optical-fibre cable is arranged within the bore.--

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Amend
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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 68	MINUS	** 68	X ---	() X 9.00 () X 18.00	---	
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 7	MINUS	9	X ---	() X 40.00 () X 80.00	---	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES (x) NO	() \$135.00 () \$270.00 ONE TIME	---	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00		

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If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

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If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20 write "20" in this space.

- ☒ Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the **Final Rejection** dated January 4, 2001 for one month so that the period for response is extended to May 4, 2001. A check in the amount of \$ 110.00 is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached.
- ☐ A check for \$ _____ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached
- ☐ A check for \$ _____ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
- When phoning re this application, please call (312) 258-5781.

SCHIFF HARDIN & WAITE (Customer Number: 26574)

PATENT DEPARTMENT

BY James D. Hobart (Reg. No. 24,149)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on May 3, 2001.

James D. Hobart (Reg. No. 24,149)

NAME OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

SIGNATURE

May 3, 2001

DATE